

Office Workers Should Join A. F. of L. Union for Higher Pay and Shorter Hours

Dickens' characters, tolled from sunrise to sunset for the hard-driving Scrooge, crouched over his books on a high stool, straining in a dim light with a quill pen, in a little room heated white collar workers grapple with numerous machines: comptometers, punch-computers, calculating, adding and duplicating machines, automatic typewriters, photostatic equipment, and so on.

Work

The importance of the work performed by this huge army of office employees is summed up strikingly by Mr. H. S. Person, of the Taylor Society, in his foreword to William Henry Lefingwell's book "Office Management." Mr. Person says:

"It . . . is acknowledged that clerical labor is indispensable, and that this indispensability is proof that it performs an inherently productive and essential function . . . this concept of

the importance of clerical work should bring to every office worker and to every office manager a new appreciation of the dignity of his labor. . . .

Leflingwell Praises Office Work

"And Mr. Leflingwell, himself, in the conclusion of his book, says:

"It will now be clearly evident that office work is something not only far greater than a mere auxiliary or appendage for facilitating the conduct of

modern business, but is essentially a linking function, without which successful conduct is actually inconceivable. I may without exaggeration be recognized as the principal coordinating function, in that it holds together and actually keeps the business machine in motion. . . ."

In conclusion, Mr. Welkei declared that office employees are revolting against unwarranted opposition of employers toward their organization, and that to meet the demand of the white collar workers for wage negotiation at the conference table the American Federation of Office Workers International Council is extending its organization campaign to every community.

Life History

Government Service

union? Date and extent of membership
What have been your union activities
What is your present union status?
To what other workers' organizations

Purpose of Government Employee Information

"It is significant that the information sought in the questionnaire is more

thorough and far-reaching than would be required by any social or business institution and suggests the party has some undisclosed plan that requires loyal and qualified leadership. In the past the life histories required were sketchy and superficial."

BOILER MAKERS FIA NEW SCALE IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Calif. (AFL-NS).—Local Union No. 92, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Welders and Helpers of America announced a new wage scale, effective as of January 15, 1938, which brings the scale for boilermakers and welders to \$1.37½ an hour, with \$1 an hour for

The new scale covers the territorial jurisdiction of Local No. 92, comprising all work south of Paso Robles and Hazard to San Diego. The only exception allowed, it is stated, is on work contracted for or under construction prior to January 15, 1938, which will be completed at the former scale.

**Employees Demand
Pay Boost in California**

Council of Fish Cannery Workers, Representatives of Oregon and Washington fish cannery unions will be invited with the aim of establishing a Pacific Coast or National Council for this group of workers.

James H. Montgomery, San Francisco, secretary of the National Fish Cannery Workers' Union, is expected to lead the delegation.

**2 RADIO STATIONS HIT
BY LOS ANGELES LABO**

Federal Communications Commission Asked to Revoke Licenses of KHJ and KHJ; Refused to Permit Replies to Anti-labor Broadcasts, Charge.

*By A. F. of L. News Service,
Los Angeles, California.—Refusal*

A formal protest was promptly filed by officers of the Council with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington and the Council voted a

Inasmuch as the stations concerned appear willing to allow anti-labor organizations use of their broadcast facilities to knock organized labor, but unwilling to render normal courtesy to labor organizations, in keeping with the nonpartisan public service which they are supposed to render, labor officials are demanding that the licenses of Stations KFI and KHJ be revoked.

the strike was the inability of six police stations, three fire stations, and the House of Detention to secure delivery of coal, 185 tons of which, ordered for city buildings, was tied up in one of the yards affected by the walkout.